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The purpose of this letter is to formally register opposition to the proposed Carbon Dioxide Pipeline plans, which indicate passing near the town of Terril and in near proximity of the Graettinger-Terril Elementary School.

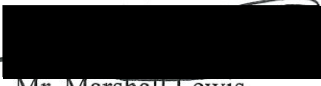
At the regularly scheduled Board Meeting on June 20, 2022, the Graettinger-Terril Community School District through the elected Board of Education voted unanimously to provide this letter conveying the opposition held by the District.

The held beliefs and concerns substantiating this opposition are based in the following:

- The Graettinger-Terril Community School District holds high regard for the safety of students, including the physical, emotional, and health of all children.
- The Graettinger-Terril Elementary houses students and adults of various ages who all inherently rely on the school setting for their health and safety.
- Increased concentration of CO₂ in the air can have the effects of headaches, dizziness, confusion, and loss of consciousness.
- The location of the Graettinger-Terril Elementary is excellent for educating young minds, yet the rural setting creates a significant time lag for emergency response.
- The creation of a pipeline in the proposed corridors may increase the already high demands of the local and area emergency response teams, many which are staffed only or primarily with volunteers, including additional training and equipment necessary to provide services related to a hazardous pipeline operating so near to students and staff on a daily basis.
- With the proposed corridors for the pipeline, the proximity to students and adults is of great concern to the ongoing health and well-being of those working and learning in the Terril Elementary.
- The proposed proximity to the existing and operating school building subjects students, staff, and visitors to the dangers of CO₂.
- The proposed route of the CO₂ pipeline is not in the public interest of a safe learning environment for the Graettinger-Terril Community School District as it subjects the students, staff, and community to the potential hazards of a CO₂ pipeline leak or rupture.

The Graettinger-Terril Community School District respectfully requests the consideration of an alternative path or elimination of the pipeline in close proximity to the teaching and learning that occur in the Graettinger-Terril Elementary School in consideration of the students we serve.


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